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SCIENTIFIC WONDER.  
A few words have already been said in the  
series of the Journal de Words of the 21st of  
November, 1864, volume VI, page 505, about  
the admirable anatomical preparations of M.  
Epho Marini, of Cayhart, Sardinia. The  
incomparable embalmer has made an immense  
discovery, of which he yet keeps the secret,  
but which he will reveal when the moment  
shall have come. He preserves mommies or  
petrifies at his will the bodies or portions of  
bodies, and all the solids or liquids of the living  
organism, the flesh, the blood, the whole  
brain, the bile, &c., &c., besides so long as the  
desiccation is not absolute, he restores at will  
to the bodies or the mortified members the  
volume and their natural forms, outside or inside,  
in such a way that an arm, for instance,  
the flesh, the muscles, the tendons, the nerves,  
the arteries, the veins, resume entirely the as-  
pect and the transparency which they had in a  
sound body a few hours before death.

Since his departure from Paris, Mr. Marini  
has so admirably perfected his incomparable  
art, that they saw him at Cayhart, in February,  
1865, preserve so perfectly the body of a cele-  
brated historian, M. Pierre Marini, that four  
months after his death, thanks to the revivifying  
liquid whose action is so extraordinary,  
they had been able to restore to his members all  
their suppleness, to dress him, to seat him in  
his arm-chair, and take his photograph, which  
we have under our eyes in writing this, and  
which would be thought to be a living man.

On his return to Paris, at the beginning of  
last December, our friend asked of his Majesty  
the Emperor of the French, an audience, which  
was granted to him last Saturday, and which  
overwhelmed him with joy. His Majesty has  
at a long time considered and admired the  
marvels of the new art. A fragment of the arm  
of an Egyptian mummy, to which M. Marini  
has restored, after five thousand years perhaps  
it is not its color, at least, its suppleness and its  
appearance of a human member, an arm which  
Dr. Sibey had sealed with his own seal in  
1864, and which a hundred times had been  
dried, and a hundred times softened, keeps all  
the appearances of a living arm, the whole body  
of a dried up rabbit, but which, through its  
substance, has remained transparent, lets visible  
the most intimate details of its organization;  
short, a table of fugitives aspect, but a true  
prodigy, which will soon be the most precious  
ornament of one of our museums—a strange  
mosaic, formed of brains, blood, and petrified  
bile, in which are encased four human ears, and  
upon which the foot of a young woman arises  
with complete preservation of its color, and  
transparency. Science and art here put nature  
in so new and so pure a light that all feeling of  
horror had disappeared in order to give place  
in the highly elevated mind of Napoleon III,  
to admiration only. That admiration must  
have been exempt from all after-thought for,  
after having left the palace of the Tuilleries,  
about 3 o'clock in the afternoon; Marini was  
recalled at 9 o'clock in the evening, in order to  
render Her Majesty, the Empress, a witness of  
the half-triumph which he had conquered over  
death.—Paris paper.

There is a famous inventor of fashions in  
Paris named Worth. "When this truly great  
man is composing," says a correspondent, "he  
reclines on a sofa, and one of the young ladies  
of the establishment plays 'Verdi' to him; he  
composes chiefly in the evening, and says  
that the rays of the setting sun fill his concep-  
tions. Like every great genius, he is very  
modest, and thinks the very weakest tea of  
himself. Last week he told the Duchesse of  
that he could give her a dress, but he  
could not supply style."

The manufacture of a new style of bonnet  
has been commenced. It is made from Manila  
paper, moulded on the block, then spread with  
dissolved shells, and covered with woolen flock  
or clother's paste, till it has a velvet appear-  
ance. There is, however, an objection to it,  
which will be fatal to its popularity, unless  
dealers can devise ways and means to remove  
it. It does not cost enough! The cost of  
manufacture does not exceed ten cents each.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.  
Captain C. O. Boutelle, of the U. S. Coast  
Survey, whilst making explorations in the  
neighborhood of St. Helena Island, S. C., re-  
cently unearthed a huge Mastodon, lying in a  
bed of marl. When discovered the huge mon-  
ster was fixed precisely in the position it is be-  
lieved to have been when it laid down to die  
before the flood. The skeleton was perfect, but  
a portion of the bones very soft, while other  
parts are petrified. The bones are of enormous  
size.

On Saturday the office of Messrs. Fitzgerald  
& Moale, stock brokers, Baltimore, was robbed  
of their box, containing valuable, by some  
adroit thief. The box, which was behind the  
counter, contained \$4,000 in Erie railroad bonds,  
\$1,000 in Marietta railroad bonds, \$100 in gold,  
and some \$65 in notes.

Talleyrand's "Memoirs" were to have been  
published this month, the stipulated 30 years  
having elapsed since his death; but a Paris  
correspondent of the New York Post says that  
they will not be given to the world for some  
time longer.

"Round dances" are becoming more and  
more unpopular every day among the fashion-  
able, and are rarely indulged in. The sooner  
they are abandoned altogether the better.

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